

REMARKS

Applicant is filing a §371 U.S. National Phase utility patent application based upon International Application PCT/DE2003/003184, filed 24 September 2003. Applicant encloses the English translated specification since the priority application and International application were both filed in German. Applicant sets forth that nothing that could be construed as new subject matter was added to the application in preparing the English translated specification. In support of such, Applicant encloses a "Declaration" wherein the translator sets forth that to the best of his knowledge, the English translated specification is a true and complete translation of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/003184.

Applicant makes certain amendments to the English translated specification by way of enclosing an entire substitute specification to have this §371 U.S. National Phase application comply with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. In particular, Applicant has inserted the following headings: **Prior Applications** (with language identifying the two priority applications - a first filed German application and a subsequently filed PCT Application), **Background of the Invention**, **1. Field of the Invention** and **2. Description of the Prior Art** on page 1 of the substitute specification, **Summary of the Invention** on page 2 of the substitute specification, **Brief**

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Description of the Drawings on page 5 of the substitute specification, and **Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment** on page 6 of the substitute specification.

Applicant has further added "preamble" language directly underneath the **Claims** heading found on page 8 of the substitute specification.

Applicant further amends incorrect references made to Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, found on page 3, last paragraph, of the English translated specification, to correct references of FIG. 3 and FIG. 4, respectively, which can be found on page 6, last paragraph, of the substitute specification.

Still even further, a request is made to accept insertion of the "Abstract" which is missing from the English translated specification, and can be found on page 10 of the substitute specification, to conform to the format required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b).

Applicant has placed the substitute specification on letter-sized pleading paper and have included line numbering throughout the specification and on the Abstract, but excluded the line numbering on the Claims, a format for a U.S. application which is understood by Applicant to be appreciated by the USPTO.

Finally, Applicant submits a new set of formal drawings (FIGS. 1-4) which conform to the rules for Standards of

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Drawings set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

Applicant respectfully points out that none of the aforementioned amendments made herein by way of submission of the substitute specification and formal drawings could be construed as the introduction of any new subject matter.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 of the English translated specification and have substituted a new set of claims numbered 10-17 in the substitute specification. This was done to completely eliminate all multiple dependent claims used in the International Application and to place the claims in a format that complies with USPTO rules, practice and procedure. New Claims 10-17 follow the exact subject matter of that which is claimed in canceled Claims 1-9 but are written in a manner more acceptable to the USPTO.

Applicant respectfully requests that the filing fee be calculated based upon the new set of claims numbered 10-17 wherein NO MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS are used, one (1) independent claim is included, with the total number of claims being 8 (eight).

Applicant finally wishes to point out that the aforementioned amendments were done to better encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention under USPTO rules. Notwithstanding, Applicant believes the claims of the English language translated International Application would have been

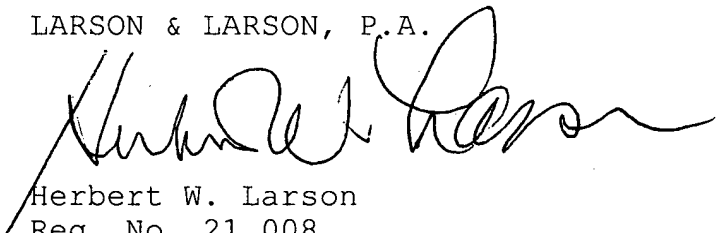
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allowable if not canceled and re-written in this Preliminary Amendment.

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